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Dear Greg and Jonas:

At the May 15 meeting of the State Water Plan Advisory Committee a discussion of the 2030 food supply was again deferred until the end of the day when many members had left and others were impatient to adjourn. It was my understanding that the staff and remaining committee members decided, however, that analysis of the effect of the Water Plan on the adequacy of the food supply would be relegated to a "side bar" in the Water Plan Report. If this is the accepted outcome it appears that the Water Plan will attempt to assure that sufficient water is available to provide adequate housing for the 2030 population complete with flush toilets, showers, clothes washers, and appropriate landscaping. It also appears, however, that the Water Plan will not assure that provision of an adequate food supply for that population will not be limited by an inadequate agricultural water supply and this uncertainty will only be addressed in a "side bar" in the report.

Early in the June 27 meeting I request that the staff make a clear statement as to whether this is their current intent. The subject should then be revisited so that all members of the Advisory Committee will be aware of any inconsistent provision for different basic societal needs that will result from our approach to developing the Water Plan. The discussion would be facilitated if copies of this letter were distributed to frame the issue.

Thank you,



Alex Hildebrand

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Steve Shaffer
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